Carnival of Fun Every Day for Boys and Girls on the Local Playgrounds



ten other playgrounds around Washing- to the youth of fourteen or sixteen, to playgrounds were opened. ton. It is the result of years of labor of is the greatest pleasure in life.

Two years after the opening of the first playground in Washington the men and women who want the Washington system of playgrounds to be the best in the world, because only the best in

When all of us older folks were kidplaygrounds today, the see-saw was as- teeth.

with its barefoot boys and girls all in- nicious influences and bad examples. grounds have taken on fresh life hem, with dresses Washington Playground Association and the early training of a useful citizen. shortened, a score James E. West is secretary, and the or- Then, too, the real estate activity which of girls waded in tional association of playgrounds, which time was eating up all of the vacant nother pool. is known as the Playground and Recrea- property, so that it would have been only Babies scratched tion Association of America. Yesterday a question of time when every vacant and burrowed in control of the playgrounds was formally lot would be occupied, and the streets sand boxes, while vested in the District of Columbia gov- and alleys be the only remaining forum other parts of have been turned over to the play- men and girls. That is how and why the big inclosure ground system. There are now eleven the playground system was started. laughed as seesaws and giant- playgrounds, and the cost of the The first playground was known as upkeep demands an annual appropria- the Associated Charities playground, strides whirled them about. Boys with tion of about \$17,000, of which \$14,000 and was located at the Neighborhood swelling muscles swung from trapeze is expended for the salaries of directors House, 472 N street southwest. It was rings and horizontal bars, and two base and attendants, and the remainder for the started as an experiment and was ball games were in progress at the same upkeep of the playgrounds. They are such a success that during the summer

With a yearly attendance of more than of the Associated Charities' the world can give the Washington boy 300,000 children, the liability of accidents president of the new association. Sev- tenance of the grounds. The first playand girl an opportunity for healthful, has been reduced to the minimum, and eral meetings were held, and it was grounds under the direction of the askeep them from the dangerous play- the worst that ever has happened to a decided to invite Dr. Henry S. Curtis sociation were known as the Georgetown, where many of the children have their When all of us older folks were kid-dies, just like the ones who go to the least with the shedding of a boy's first. The association

our grandmother with Away back in 1903 Cuno H. Rudolph, of \$75,000 for the purchase of ground

tent upon frolic, the Washington play- They realized that a boy must have Arthur C. Moses is president of the of a big city should have little part in ganization is affiliated with the na- struck Washington shortly before that ernment. Twenty acres of city land for the gathering of the city's young

fully equipped with every device for fun months of the same year another was making. They appeal alike to the three- opened at North Capitol and L streets It is a carnival of fun and is held every year-old, in whose heart nothing can northeast. This also was a success, day at the Rosedale playground and at quite take the place of a sand box, and and within a short time four other first playground in Washington the

Washington Playground Association was organized. It was independent grounds. Mr. Rudolph was elected an appropriation of \$10,000 for the main- street and Columbia road, known as the of New York city, who had organized 33d and Q streets northwest; the Rose- personal attendants, this playground enplaygrounds in that city, to come to dale, 17th and Kramer streets northeast, tertains hundreds of children each day, again and again allowed the system to few years ago. The dances are usually inclosures is a bumped head or a mashed Washington and assist the association and the Cardozo, 1st and H streets winter and summer. Their nurses come arrange open air theatricals and con- accompanied by a revival of the old folk finger, which are the fixed prerogatives in planning the recreation places for southwest. The association went to Congress and

the first year secured an appropriation sumped heads and vinegar and brown pa- now one of the District Commissioners, for the playgrounds. In connection

"A boy is not likely to spend his time in a hot, stuffy alley 'shooting crap' when there is a good swimming pool just around the corner."-Jane Addams.

"Playing, the child grows character-therefore there is nothing in the whole range of schooling that is as educational. Men, not money, make a nation great, and joyless children do not make good men."-

Every city is under the strongest obligation to its people to furnish to the children, from the time they begin to walk until they reach manhood, places within the city walls large enough and laid out in proper form for the playing of all sorts of games which are known to our boys and girls and liked by them."-President Taft.

"All knowledge is not locked up in books. I regard playgrounds, efficiently supervised, as affording one of the best opportunities for the training of the young along the right lines in the community spirit."-Judge W. H. De Lacy.

"The universal impulse to play is a divinely ordered thing. If God gave the instinct, man ought to provide the playground."-Josiah

receive any appropriation from Congress, quently as many as forty or fifty well either for the opening of new grounds or gowned women visit the playground in for the maintenance of the old ones. the course of an afternoon, or bring and The association, however, managed by hildren all of the benefits of the grounds. footman About that time the school playgrounds was taken over by the board of education nd conducted under its direction. At the close of the two years, when no appropriation was received from Congress, the executive committee of the asecciation held a meeting for the purpose At the meeting it looked as though the hildren would not have the benefits of the grounds. Secretary West made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moses, that the of the Mount Pleasant playground, executive committee arrange for the pening of the grounds at the regular heduled time. The committee finally decided to give the two members of the board their backing in the project. They started to work and by contributions and everal plays \$18,000 was raised.

round system here. Over one-half of Then there are trapeze rings, horizontal the various playgrounds and the work are going on at the same time, and the nd management of each was explained two acres during the summer are black

s17,000 being secured for the equipment life under proper supervision. and supplies and \$7.400 for toilets and But aside from the mechanical amuse-

swimming hole was frought with and Charles F. Weller conceived the with the playgrounds under the direc- city, for it was in these sections that in any way endanger his life.

with them, and sometimes their govern-For two years the association did not esses and their parents. Not infrecall for their children in their private donation to hold its own and give the turnouts, with liveried coachman and

Of this playground Dr. Luther L. Gulich of New York city said, while speakof deciding whether or not the grounds that he had seldom seen a more capable would be opened during the next season. organization for the amusement of children, and complimented the playground officials on the simplicity and adequacy

the city is the Rosedale playground, out at 17th and Kreamer streets northeast, where six acres of land have been set aside for the children. Upon these six diamonds, two indoor ball courts, a croquet court, two basket ball courts, two volley ball courts, a running track, plat association appeared before for broad jumping contests, slides and slide for the little children, who play apart from the larger boys and girls. bars, a little house and a tent. On this playground alone almost all of the athetic amusements for children of all ages with happy romping children, who are kept away from the alleys and side lots. and are receiving the benefit of outdoor

showers for the next season. Congress, ments, such as the slides and seesaws, and nowever, ordered that a director be em- the rings and horizontal bars, the Roseployed under the supervision of the Dis- dale playground is particularly popular rict Commissioners to look after the with the youngsters because of a great playgrounds here. Thus the work of the big garden which has been put in for the benefit of the children who love to and this, in which all of the children par- Coldren, Judge William H. De Lacy little kiddies, and last, but never least in play. For the first few years the play- the juvenile heart, the wading pool, whose Fearing that the association is about to their parents, operates, the supervisors Prof. B. T. Janney, Maj. William V. Judgrounds were used almost exclusively by water is deep enough for the tiny tad to lose the Mount Pleasant believe, in helping to break down inter- son, Dr. George M. Kober, Otto Luebkert, the children of the poorer sections of the learn swimming, but not deep enough to playground, at 14th street and Columbia national prejudices. fear for parents. That has all idea of the Washington system of play- tion of the Washington Playground they were established as follows: Mrs. Henry T. Rainey, Cuno H. Rudolph, The see-saw, its kindred grounds. They had seen little urchins- Association are Georgetown playground, 33d and O John B. Sleman, Jr.; Eugene E. Stevens, devices and the swimming pool as op- not necessarily of the classes who live in several of the schools in this city. With more about the work better neighbor- stallation to insure safety to children preparing to urge the purchase of this streets, two acres; Mt. Pleasant, lath Dr. Rebecca Stoneroad, Maj. Richard erated in the Washington playgrounds poorer sections, but also boys of good these the new association had eighteen hoods clamored for the reservations What child is there but has an irresistible site before Congress. Conferences have street and Columbia road, one-half acre; Sylvester, Dr. William Tindall, Rev. John are even safer places for a kiddle than parentage and good training—spending places of recreation for the children where the games of childhood are king. desire to get into a boat and w streets, three acres: Van Schaick, jr., James E. West and Miss Now that their time on the vacant lots of Wash- under its control. Congress later made Then it was that the playground at 14th But everybody knows that this is dan- ident of the Playground Association, and New York avenue, 1st street and New Edith C. Westcott

built along the lines of a roomy, com- influences toward putting the proposed ground, Virginia avenue and 11th fortable craft, only it is set up on the governmental purchase through. land and mounted on rockers so that a President Moses, however, is not willing and I. after happiness can rock themselves and land get away from the playground systhe boat to their hearts' content with tem, for this particular spot has been never a bit of danger to any one of them. characterized as one of the most comthe playground cause have been working Moses is forming a syndicate for the purfor many years is the municipal control pose of purchasing the site and holding of playgrounds, and now this end seems it for the use of the playgrounds, until to be in sight. Although twenty acres Congress can buy it or it can come under of land in the city have been turned the control of the District. over to the playgrounds, the majority of One of the playgrounds has been this property has been loaned, and is on a city park. That is the Garfield playits own land, as well as its equipment, and it draws its attendance from that

a barely adequate appropriation to deficers and the cost of operation. citizens have purchased tags, and the ground funds. President Taft, an ardent tainments have become immensely popusupporter of the playground idea, has

The main end to which the laborers in plete playgrounds in the country. So Mr

so far, at every session of Congress, that roomy plot where they can indulge in body has failed to make any more than their favorite games. At times each year the children fray the salaries of the playground of- their attention from mere play, and, Many times have the playgrounds been arrange flower exhibits from the gardens forced to institute "Tag days" when the in the playgrounds, or open air fetes. money been turned over to the play- national dances are given. These enter- principal of the Western High School, vic

lar in Washington since their inception :

he playground system, not wishing to will urge the purchase of this land. Rep- Court playground, 19th and E streets the boy of his natural bent, have resentative Ben Johnson, chairman of the northwest, one acre; Rosedale play installed among other pieces of equipment. House District committee, has also been ground, 17th and Kreamer streets northone called "the rocking boat." This is interested in the matter, and will use his east, six acres; Virginia avenue playwhole boat load of the little seekers that any chances be taken in letting the Garfield Park playground, 3d street and South Carolina avenue southeast, one acre: Cardozo playground, 1st and I streets southwest, two acres, and the

Neighborhood House playground at 470 N street southwest. In addition to these recognized playgrounds, which are under the supervision of the Playground Association, there are thirty-two playgrounds, under the supervision of the board of education, run in connection with the larger of the city liable at any time to be taken for build- ground, and it is hailed as "a public schools. These afford the children an ing purposes. So ultimately the play- park put to real use." It is one of the opportunity to play at the 10 o'clock and ground system of the city hopes to own finest equipped playgrounds in the city, the noon recesses without going out into the streets. Some of the larger and To do this, however, an expenditure of section of the southeast part of Wash- more typical of these playgrounds are nearly \$100,000 would be necessary and, ington where children appreciate a big. at the Force, Jefferson, Bowen, Arthur, Magruder, Cooke and Adams schools. The director of the school playgrounds is Dr

> Rebecca Stoneroad. The reorganized playground system of the District of Columbia, under the gen eral supervision of the District Commissioners, is under the presidency of Arthur Moses, with Miss Edith C. Westcott president: James E. West, secretary, and John B. Sleman, treasurer. On the board of directors are William H. Baldwin Ernest P. Bicknell, Miss Elizabeth



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She returned for Rudolph's marriage.

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her wandering life.

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LIFE AND LOVE TRAGEDY OF THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS OF AUSTRIA

RANCIS JOSEPH Dying -The Story of a Royal Courtship - Elizabeth, the Bavarian Princess, and Her Marriage - Her Life and Death.

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binations that

life and love tragedy of, perhaps, the last tiful martyr who was his empress. growl you will be badly noted in this again, excited, her blonde hair blown in

He had thoughtlessly jostled a bad tempered old pug. Slender youth, proud smoking his great China pipe, Duke and laughing, with ironic mustache, he Maximidan replied to the blonge Elizathanked the sour Sophie for her warning as she passed on to the chateau. greet you! It was May, 1850, in the Park of Pos- At Linz there was frantic cheering, senhofen. She was eldest daughter of musketry volleys, music, te deums and Maximilian, Duke of Bavaria, a crank more cannons. convinced that all his dogs had souls. Their wedding tour passed in Mora-He was Francis Joseph, Emperor of It was an ideal honeymoon in a mou-Austria, King of Hungary, Bohemia, tainous country, where the young emper Dalmatia, Croatia, Esclavonia—and twen-They rode from town to town, almost

He had arrived at his uncle's to demand the hand of Sophie. He had seen the Prince Charming of her dreams. her. She would do. The Wittelsbach, though plain home folks, were of exalted blood, fit to espouse a Hapsburg. His own mother had arranged it. He would ask Duke Maximilian after the Vienna. banquet-and make a prompt get-away to The first morning the blooming beauty Vienna, where pleasure waited.

romplig to him, and a fresh, sweet young your imperial majesty may not enter to voice cried: "Dick, come back!" And he his imperial majesty without being announced marveled at the vision, a beautiful girl of sixteen, supple, slender, of proud, pure type, laughing flower on a tall forest stem. She had been running, and stopped, blushing, breathless: "Please excuse Don't apologize for Dick, Mademoiselle.

His friendship is a recommendation. 1 know the ways of the house," he an-

"Father thinks so," she laughed. Your father? Then you are-" "Elizabeth Amelia, Duchess in Ba-

Francis Joseph had already started in for a flirtation. He stopped, troubled. Holding out his hand, he asked: "Why have I not seen you before?" impulsive and tender, unafraid of the gested by the brutal diplomacy of her youth in tourist tweeds, and struck by mother-in-law. beautiful white hand.

"I am too young to figure at the ban- could rule. Forced to yield to Francis quets," she said. And Francis Joseph's infatuation, she resolved that rected ceremonies, the Italian woman ly after she gave birth to her daughter derstood. His uncle wished to marry the blonde Cinderella should not long

It was the first escapade of Elizabeth. might have found a way to protect her. her misfortune. She was so stricken his bringing up was to be taken out of She was struck by love at first sight. She Instead, she took refuge in dignity, that she fell gravely ill, but remained her hands. dressed and descended calmly, pursued Otherwise it is difficult to explain the faithful to her system of silent dignity.

by affrighted tiring-women. On the lawn prompt estrangement of the young "The Archduchess Sophie has taken a "He is the heir of the Hapsburgs," Francis Joseph offered her his arm. The couple. Brought up ignorant of the mannew lady of honor," said the ladies in replied the Archduchess Sophie.

effect was theatrical. Duke Maximilian teriality of love, she continued to crave waiting, as they helped undress her. "But the emperor has authorized me."

was wild with anger. After the banquet for poetry and idealism. To Francis "A pearl of beauty such as has never the young emperor drew him aside: "My uncle," he said, "I have the honor ing and audacious libertinage. to ask the hand, not of my cousin Sophie, but of my cousin Elizabeth. "My nephew," said the duke, "it is im-

So he quitied Possenhofen. Three months later, on the birthday of the emperor, all Ischl was in fete. To the imperial villa many great ones were invited. notably Duke Maximilian, his duchess. their three sons and four daughters. The church of Ischl was packed for after these lines morning service. To universal surprise. are printed and as the imperial cortege entered, the proud mother of Francis Joseph humbly stood aside and motioned young Elizabeth, the with mighty com- blonde Elizabeth, to pass before her. And the young emperor took her by the await his last hand. Approaching the altar he said to

Along the banks of the Danube multilast look at the tudes of peasants waited. Turning round steamer Francis Joseph, pleasure yacht Cannons saluted its passage. At each "Gently, cousin. If you make Black town the lovely young form in white rose

Peacefully reclining in a deck chair

alone, Francis Joseph triumphant and delighted, Elizabeth happy: She had found

All changed when they returned to

was refused entrance to her husband's study. An usher in green and gold, with gold chain and ivory wand, barred her Alone beneath the trees, a pup came way, bowing ceremoniously: "Pardon,

> As Elizabeth, simple Bavarian princess, protested that she would pass, a high officer corroborated the flunkey's words. Ashamed, wounded, angry, she was forced to wait, feeling the smiles of the courtiers behind her back, until word came that the emperor would receive her. Bitterly she complained to him, but Francis Joseph declared that etiquette must be observed. And the girl sovereign, bride of the imperator, had to suffer a humiliating warning from the mother-inlaw, who now turned out to hate her, concerning "the usages of the house of Hansburg

Scarcely seventeen years old, Elizabeth had no experience to struggle against a Very young, serene and haughty, yet hundred conspiracies of the court, sug-

her son to marry Sophie, whom she

Joseph love had been rather a laugh- been seen in Vienna. The first deceptions were wrapped in the tears of Elizabeth.

At that moment they spoke much of a beautiful Italian countess. How had she entered the closed circle of Vienna?

His mother feared to risk That adventuress! Just before the birth of Elizabeth's first room, shut the door gently and without

"Ah? Who is this pearl?" "A famous Italian countess, majesty." Elizabeth staggered. "The Italian. "Are you ill. madame? Shall we call?" No, it was nothing. With superhuman effort Elizabeth walked into the next



FRANCIS JOSEPH. sudden admiration, Elizabeth held out her This relentless woman had desired Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary. Latest photograph, taken just be-

derstood. His uncle wished to marry the blonde Chadefella should not long off the elder daughter first. He whispered to the young girl, laughing, tempting:

"Be dressed, on the lawn, before the banquet. I'll arrange."

was invited to a great court ball, and rule over the light and thoughtless that she was at once dubbed favorite.

Had Elizabeth confided all to her bushand, using a bride's diplomacy, he banquet. I'll arrange."

was invited to a great court ball, and Francis Joseph paid her such attentions that she was at once dubbed favorite.

Within twenty-four hours a charitable a great joy to Elizabeth; yet before he bushand, using a bride's diplomacy, he banquet. I'll arrange."

She was so stricken his bringing up was to be taken out of was invited to a great court ball, and Sophie.

child, when the mother-in-law again di- a cry fell fainting on the carpet. Short-

the terrible mother-in-law. Tears, pro- long, the Arabs gave her a superhuman tests were without result; the baby boy reputation, because of her knowledge of was given a wet nurse and governess, their language and her wisdom in decid- friend and the pictures got on sale in replaced later by a tutor, the Count ing village disputes. She spoke with Vienna. The boy, Rudolph, took one, in should sell a beloved resident Bombelles, who many years later took purity German, French, English, Italian, great indignation, to the emperor. And may fall into worthy hands." part in the orgie of Meyerling, which Greek, Arab and Hungarian, and wher- Francis Joseph agreed with his son. Both terminated Rudolph's life. And Elizabeth was only at the begin-

ning of her troubles.

At this moment there appeared at the Palace Theater-run by the emperor-s radiant beauty. Could it be the em-Roll would take a villa at Ischl, sumit is!" The bijou town was too small to started off again. keep a secret. And within a week it In particular, what we call waltz- lation, he did her justice! was known to the general stupefaction. The phantom lover of Mme. Roll appeared unmistakably. It was the em-

It was too much. Elizabeth told him that he must choose between Mme. Roll and herself; and the emperor pretended to send away the actress. But the wife was not deceived. She waited. She had aken a resolve. She called her old nurse, brought from

"Pack my valises," said Elizabeth, "we leave tonight." "For long?"

The two women slipped from the Hofburg and took the first train at the southern station. Only next morning did her mother-in-law learn of her flight. An hour later the chief of police learned that the empress was en route for Trieste and the imperial vacht. A telegram was sent to retard its departure on some pretext, while high functionaries followed on a special train. What they were empowered to promise is not known; but Elizabeth return-

The scene was terrible between husband, wife and mother-in-law. Francis Joseph, fearing scandal, dragged himself on his knees before Elizabeth and even reproached his mother for her cruelty.

But nothing could change Elizabeth's determination, That night, Prof. Skoda, of the Vienna faculty, after much repugnance and long discussion, signed a bulletin, declaring that the health of the empress demanded a milder climate that Vienna. The next day, accompanied by high dignitaries, she left for Antwerp, where a magnificent yacht was hired to take her to Madeira. She tired of Madeira. The imperial yacht was put at her disposition. She visited Norway, the Mediterranean, the Adriatic. Francis Joseph came on her unexpectedly at Venice and persuaded her to return temporarily to Vienna, for the sake of appearances. To distract her mind, she spent millions pleasure became to break in young horses. This was the period of her friendship with the famous circus woman, Eliza Renz, whom Elizabeth declared to be a better lady than any of the Vienna court. Finding Linz too near to Vienna, she spent other great sums on the chateau of Goedoelloe, in Hungary, where her taming of the man-killing stallion of

torical event. trying to get killed without the sin of suicide. Such was her trip to the mountain shrine of Mariazell on horseback, where no horse or mule had ever mounted. The guide tore her from the saddle just any real ascendency over the spoiled control of twelve marble columns faced to the mountain shrine of the saddle just any real ascendency over the spoiled control of twelve marble columns faced to the saddle just any real ascendency over the spoiled control of the saddle just any real ascendency over the spoiled control of the saddle just any real ascendency over the spoiled control of the saddle just any real ascendency over the spoiled control of the saddle just any real ascendency over the spoiled control of the saddle just any real ascendency over the spoiled control of the saddle just any real ascendency over the spoiled control of the saddle just any real ascendency over the spoiled control of the saddle just any real ascendency over the spoiled control of the saddle just any real ascendency over the spoiled control of the saddle just any real ascendency over the spoiled control of the saddle just any real ascendency over the spoiled control of the saddle just any real ascendency over the spoiled control of the saddle just any real ascendency over the spoiled control of the saddle just any real ascendency over the spoiled control of the saddle just any spoil of the saddle just any spoi as her horse slipped over the precipice.

As Countess Hohenembs, she rented a At sixteen Rudolph came of age, and antique statue, purchased by Elizabeth seaside villa in Normandy. None knew was given a personal court. His first for its weight in gold, in Greece or Italy.

Count Festetics became almost a his-

"I withdraw the authorization," said tresses. In Algiers, where she sojourned middle class playmates. Rudolph was relong, the Arabs gave her a superhuman fractory; but little Marie Valerie had reputation, because of her knowledge of been photographed with a middle class ing village disputes. She spoke with Vienna. The boy, Rudolph, took one, in ever she wandered in her eternal black ground the photograph under their heels. dress the Countess Hohenembs was re- It was the last maternal effort of Eliza-

There were reconciliations. To return where she wept bittely. She rejoiced a to her husband was represented to her vacation, when it was learned that the a religious duty. Each time, however, it was to her that Count Bombeller the interest of Francis Joseph in the brought the awful tidings-Rudolph had every one said: "Now we shall know who theater seemed so paramount that she committed sucide. And it was Elizabeth a week, objected.

membered as a beneficent fairy.

operette held him. During the first thirty "What I owe to my beloved wife in this years of his reign, at the little Theater- terrible calamity," he said, "what fervent

an-der-Wien, he may be said to have consolation she has brought me by her

THE EMPRESS ELIZABETH. The famous portrait by Winterhalter, who painted the Empress Eugenie and Queen Victoria at this same period. It shows Elizabeth just before her

lived the principal works of Strauss, sympathy and example, I can never ex-Suppe and Offenbach, amid a collection press. To her only I owe it that I have on a chateau at Linz, where her great of divettes such as the world has rarely not given up to despair." seen. In the words of Marie Geistinger, here was 'the annex of the imperial

Her later returns were not for the husband, but for the son. "Kiss me, my dearest; this time your Elizabeth. She imagined that little Ru-dolph would fly into her arms. Instead, the boy advanced slowly, coldly, not even

Elizabeth often said that her soul died with her son. To her Greek professor, she said:

dies first-see that it dies in beauty!" It was whispered that Elizabeth was returning her kisses. The work of the Her hobby now became her palace at left."

"As one would desire to marry a be loved daughter before one dies, so one should sell a beloved residence, that it

Only a terrible craving for sleep caused her to leave it. Now commenced a round of climates and specialists. At Baths while in Rudolph's baby child. On the Nauhelm the population so followed her about that she decided for Switzerland. Francis Joseph, who had joined her for who broke the news to the emperor. In "I have bad reports on Switzerland," he

> said. "Full of anarchists." "I am only a poor woman, Francis," she replied. "They will not hurt me." Yet Lucchini stabbed her as she boarded the lake steamer at Geneva-like a simple tourist, with a single companion None suspected that she was more than jostled. The boat steamed slowly out. The gypsy orchestra struck up a lively Elizabeth fainted. The Countess Sztaray cut her dress and found a tiny, tri-

angular wound in the left breast. "Quick, a doctor. The empress There was no doctor, and the boat put back to Geneva., Opening her eyes, Eliz-"Do you suffer?" asked the countess. Elizabeth smiled, "no" and feebly waved her hand in time to the jaunty

music of the csardas. There was a melancholy smile on her face as she slowly shut her eyes. Elizabeth had died in beauty.

STERLING HEILIG.

The Wrong End.

SENATOR BAILEY, apropos of Independence day, told at a dinner in Gainesville a story of the civil war. Once during this war," he said ator Wigfail, a member of the Confederate congress from Texas, fell in with a party of Union soldiers

"The senator, being well disguised, conversed freely with the Unionists, asking them, among other things, 'what they'd do with old Wigfall if they caught him.' "'We'd string him up.' the soldiers answered promptly.

'Serve him right, too!' said Senator Wigfall; 'and, by gum, if I were there, I'd be pulling on one end of the rope

We're All Pinched.

IN a Fourth of July address Mayor Samuel H. Shank of Indianapolis once said, apropos of George Washington and

truthfulness: "Few of us, alas, can lay claim to that absolute veracity which was Washington's boast. Thus the shoe pinches us all when the story of little Jack Smith

"Little Jack Smith's Sunday school teacher, after a lesson on Ananias and Sapphira, said:

Because there wouldn't be anybody

Can You Beat It?

She-I'm afraid, Tom. dear, you will find me a mine of faults. that the lady in black who galloped act was to reprove his mother. To hu- A single terrace of the garden contained He—Darling, it shall be the sweetest lacross the land bore on her forehead manize the imperial children by contact 25,000 rose trees, continually in flower. bor of my life to correct them.

a diadem far heavier than her golden with others she had tried to give them Looking back on it all from the deck She (flaring up)—Indeed, you shan't!